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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the references was submitted to the Patent Office or was cited by the Examiner in the parent application, Serial No. 09/477,865, filed January 15, 2000, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (35 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

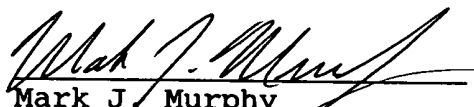
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A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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